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# ORDER BOOK

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*(Continued from the April Number)*

February 1779.

Head-Quarters, Purysburg.

1: G: O. Parole, Countersigns {

The Brigade now Brig<sup>r</sup>: Gen: Moultrie is to be Commanded by Col<sup>o</sup>: Huger as Col<sup>o</sup>: Com<sup>t</sup>: & the detachment of N<sup>o</sup>: Carolina Troops & Levies now under Col<sup>o</sup>. Sumner & Col<sup>o</sup>: Armstrong are to be in one Brigade, under the Command of Col<sup>o</sup>: Sumner as Col<sup>o</sup>: Com<sup>t</sup>:; The Two Brigades to compose a Division under the Command of Brigadier General Moultrie.

The North Carolina Militia who arrived with Gen<sup>l</sup>: Rutherford are to be in one Brigade & commanded by him & those with Gen<sup>l</sup>: Ash in one Brigade & to be commanded by Gen<sup>l</sup>: Bryant. The two Brigades to form a Division under the Command of Major Gen: Ash.

R: O: by Col<sup>o</sup>. Roberts

A gill of Rum to be delivered by the Quarter Master to each Man, Waggoner & Driver of the Regiment & Train of Artillery.

Officer of the Day tomorrow Capt<sup>n</sup> Davis

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2: G: O. Parole, Countersigns

R. O. by Col<sup>o</sup>: Roberts.

The Corps of Artillery in Camp having no Drum of their own, are to be Governed in the Ordinary part of Duty, by the Drums of the line such as Roll-calling, Guard Mounting, issuing of orders &c.

Officer of the Day tomorrow, Cap<sup>t</sup>. L<sup>t</sup>: Elliott.

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3: R: O. by Col<sup>o</sup>: Roberts.

Officer of the Day tomorrow Cap<sup>t</sup>. Mitchell.

The Quartermaster will take particular care that all the

Waggoners & Drivers of the Artillery have all their Geers & Harnesses in proper order for immediate use; Should anything be wanting, He is to apply for it directly to the Quarter Master Gen: whose business it is to furnish him with such Articles.

G: O

Parole, Countersigns {

Cap<sup>t</sup>: Rob<sup>t</sup>: Rayford of the 6<sup>th</sup> N<sup>o</sup>: Car. Battalion is appointed Brig: Maj: to Col<sup>o</sup>: Sumner & is to be respected & obeyed accordingly.

The Inspector of this Department is immediately to introduce into this army the same Exercises, Maneuvers & Discipline which are at present practised in the Main Army, conformable to the regulations approved of by the General for that Purpose. Accordingly the Majors of Regiments & Brigade Majors will meet tomorrow Morning at 10 o Clock at the Inspectors Quarters in order to take Copies of the Regulations & receive such other Instructions and orders relative to the Exercise of the Troops as may be necessary.

Copies of the Regulations are to be delivered to the Brigadiers by the Brigade Majors & to the Com<sup>rs</sup>: of Reg<sup>ts</sup>: by the Majors or adjutants.

The Cap<sup>s</sup>: & Sub<sup>s</sup>: will meet at the Majors Tent to receive the regulations & other orders relative to the Exercise; They will take Copies of them & read & explain to the Soldiers such parts as they think necessary.

The Troops will in future exercise every mor<sup>g</sup>: from ½ past 6 to ½ past 8 o Clock & every evening from 4 to 6 o Clock, agreeable to the Directions of the Inspector: all officers in Camp without Distinction are to give Regular & punctual attendance at the time of Exercise—

As we do not know how soon we may be called into Action the General Hopes that the Gentlemen of the Army will be sensible of the necessity of having the same Maneuvers performed by the whole army & will Chearfully exert themselves upon the occasion.

The Inspector will take care by frequent visits, to the Guards, Posts, Tents &c: that the regulations are strictly

adhered to & that no innovation or modification of them whatever take place.

An orderly Serg<sup>t</sup>. is to attend at the Inspectors Quarters & to be relieved daily.

The Inspector when visiting Posts, Piquets, Guards, Tents, or attending the Grand Parade, is to be considered & treated as an officer of the Day.

The Brigadier General or Officer Com<sup>d</sup>: Brigades will Report to Head Quarters a Major to act as Brigade Inspector.

4: R: O. Officer of the day tomorrow Cap: Davis

G: O: Parole. Countersigns {

5: R: O: by Col<sup>o</sup>. Roberts

The Mor<sup>e</sup>: Reports of the Artillery are to be made to the Com<sup>d</sup>: officer at 10 oClock until further Orders.

Officer of the Day Cap<sup>t</sup>: L<sup>t</sup>: Elliott

G: O: Parole Countersigns {

The Gen: Court Martial (whereof Col<sup>o</sup>: Pinckney is President) now sitting for the Tryal of all Prisoners that may be brought before them, report, L<sup>t</sup>. Charles Alexander charged with leaving his post & being absent from his Guard when a flag from the Enemy arrived & with not reporting agreeable to his Duty one of his Guard deserted to the Enemy, found guilty of a breach of the 4<sup>th</sup>. Act. of the 13 Sect: of the articles of war, by leaving his Guard & Sentence him to be reprimanded in the Presence of the N<sup>o</sup>. Car: Brig: The General approves the Sentence & directs the Field officer of the Day to reprimand L<sup>t</sup>: Alexander agreeable to the Sentence of the Court tomorrow Mor<sup>e</sup>: at 12 oClock.

Cap<sup>t</sup>: Macjah Williams charged with beating a Waggoner, acquitted by the Court.

L<sup>t</sup>: James M<sup>c</sup>Kenna Ass<sup>t</sup>. Dep: Quarter Master charged with taking fifteen Dollars each from Patterson & Fisher Waggoners in the Public Service to pay their Accounts; with confining John Graham Waggoner without appoint-

ing somebody to take Charge of his team & with offering to discharge the said said Grahams Waggon for a sum of money, Found Guilty on the first Charge of behaving in a scandalous Manner, unbecoming the Character of a Gentleman & Sentenced in pursuance of the 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>d</sup> Articles of the 14 Section of the Articles of War, to be discharged the Public Service & his Crime, name, place of Abode & Punishment to be published in the Gazettes of this State, in & about Camp & to pay the Money He Rec<sup>d</sup> of Patterson & Fisher into the Hands of Gen Rutherford who is requested to remit it to them. The General approves the Sentence & directs the Publication to be immediately made.

Major Henry Dixon is appointed Brigade Inspector to Col<sup>o</sup>: Sumners Brigade & to be respected & Obeyed as such

After G: O.

The Gen: Court Martial of which Col<sup>o</sup>: Pinckney is President is dissolved.

A Gen: Court Martial is to sit to morrow Morning for the Tryal of all Prisoners that may be brought before them. President, Col<sup>o</sup>: Armstrong, Members 3 Cap<sup>s</sup>: & 3 Sub<sup>s</sup>: from Col<sup>o</sup>: Hegers & 3 Cap<sup>s</sup>: & 3 Sub<sup>s</sup>: from Col<sup>o</sup>: Sumners Brigade: All Witnesses to attend.

The Light Troops on the left of Col<sup>o</sup> Sumners brigade are to join Col<sup>o</sup>: Kershaws Corps immediately & to be encamped under his Direction.

6: R: O. Officer of the day tomorrow Cap<sup>t</sup>. Mitchell

G: O: Parole, Countersigns

The Gen: Court Martial of which Col<sup>o</sup>. Pinckney was Pres<sup>t</sup>. have further reported Benj: Webster of the 2<sup>d</sup>. S<sup>o</sup>. Car: reg<sup>t</sup>: charged with Desertion, found guilty & Sentenced to receive 100 lashes, but on Consideration of the Prisoners having been constantly employed in the Service of the United States, during his absence from his regiment & also of his general good Character recommend him as an Object of Mercy. The General approves the Sentence & remits the Punishment agreeable to the recommendation of the Court.

John Bailey of the 6<sup>th</sup> S<sup>o</sup>: Car: reg<sup>t</sup>: charged with neg-

lect of Duty found guilty & sentenced to be reprimanded. The General approves the Sentence & directs the Brigade Major to reprimand him in presence of the Brigade this Afternoon at Retreat Beating.

Major Gresham private in the 6<sup>th</sup>. S<sup>o</sup>: Car: reg<sup>t</sup>: charged with Desertion, found guilty of deserting from the N<sup>o</sup>: Car: New Levies & sentenced to Serve in one of the N<sup>o</sup>: Carolina Batt: during the War, agreeable to a Stipulation made by an Act of Assembly of that State with the New Levies at the Time of their Enlistment & that 30 Dollars be deducted out of the remainder of his Bounty or pay due him by the State of S<sup>o</sup>: Car: and the Court recommend it to the Com<sup>rs</sup>: Officer of the reg<sup>t</sup>: to which He shall be turned over to endeavours to procure a compensation from the State of N<sup>o</sup>: Carolina for the Clothing advanced him by the State of S<sup>o</sup>: Car: & pay it & the bounty into the Hands of the Com<sup>rs</sup>: off: of the 6<sup>th</sup> S<sup>o</sup>: Car: Reg<sup>t</sup>: The Gen: approves the Sentence.

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7: G: O. Parole Countersigns {

R: O: by Col<sup>o</sup>: Roberts

Officer of the Day tomorrow Cap<sup>t</sup>: Davis.

The Quartermaster will immediately have 150 flannel Cartridges for Field-Pieces charged with Powder; 22 O<sup>z</sup>. in each. Two men & an officer from each Company are to attend this Business at the Magazine & See that it be properly done.

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8: R: O: Officer of the Day tomorrow, Capt: L<sup>t</sup>. Elliott

G: O: Parole, Countersigns

Lt. George Petrie is appointed a Sec<sup>d</sup>. Lieutenant in the first S<sup>o</sup>: Car: Reg<sup>t</sup>: & is to be obeyed & respected accordingly.

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9: R: O. Officer of the Day tomorrow Cap: Mitchell

The Quarter Master will immediately deliver Rum as Usual to the men of the Artillery & Train.

The fixt Ammunition now in the Lockers both round & Case Shot must be well aired & put in their proper chests

instead of which the Quarter Master will deliver 15 flannel Cartridges charged to be placed in the Lockers of each Gun.

G: O.

Parole. Countersigns {

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10: R: O. Officer of the Day tomorrow  
Parole, Rutledge. Countersign, Augusta

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11: Camp 5 miles to the westward of Purisburg. 11<sup>th</sup>  
Feb<sup>r</sup>: 1779

G: O.

Parole, Ninety Six, Countersign, Brave.

Untill an increase of Officers & Men render it necessary to make a new Disposition, the following one is to take place, & be observed until further orders.

Twenty eight Files are to be draughted out of the S°. Carolina Brigade to act as Light Infantry with that of the N°. Carolina Brigade under the Command of one of the Field-Officers of the former: they are to be formed & Officered agreeable to the Rules given for the formation of Troops. the remainder of the Brigade is to be told off & formed into three equal Battalions of eight Platoons each, Organized & officered as directed in the formation of Troops, the Command to be rotted [sic] by the Brigadier according to Sinrurity & reported at H. Q.

The North Carolina Brigade is to be told off & formed into two Battalions of 16 Platoons each the officers & Non-Commissioned officers are to be equally divided & placed into two Battalions according to former Instructions.

The Corps of Pioneers belonging to that Brigade are to be included in the Line of it & told off with the rest.

The first Battalion is to be on the Left of the Brigade [and] is to be commanded by Col°. Armstrong & a Major & the 2<sup>d</sup>. Batl. by L<sup>t</sup>. Col°. Thackson & a Major.

The Light Infantry of both Brigades are to encamp, & draw up on the Right & Left of the Division so as to cover most effectually the flanks of the order of Battle &

Encampment in the position that Gen<sup>l</sup>. Moultrie will think best from the Nature of the ground.

The Army will March every Morning by the Right untill further Orders, the Troops will Wheel by Platoons or Sections of 4 files according to the Difficulties of the Road, & when those Difficulties are of such a Nature as to render their last march impracticable, the sections will open from the Center branching out to the Right & Left & March on both sides of the Road untill they can form again into Platoons, which must be done as often as possible in order to Guard beforehand against the Dangers of a loose march in presence of an Enemy.

The Officers are to take a particular Care to keep their men in their respective Platoons & to preserve as much as possible to necessary Distance for forming.

The New Guard will parade every Morning the Wing of the Army to March by & make the Advanced-Guard. They are to be told off and formed into 2 or 4 Platoons according to the Gen<sup>l</sup>. formation of Troops & to march in Front of the Army at such a Distance as to correspond with the Troops next them; The officer of the Day will order a Section of 5 or 6 files with a Serj<sup>t</sup>. & Corp<sup>l</sup>. to March at the distance of 100 paces in front of the advanced Guard & 3 flankers to advance by files on the same line with that Section at 100 Paces from both Flanks.

The Advanced Guards are to be immediately followed by a Field-Piece Men & Ammunition belonging to it—The light-Infantry of the S<sup>o</sup>. Carolina Brigade is to March after this Artillery & cover it in case of necessity.

The S<sup>o</sup>. Carolina-Brigade comes next, & at the center of the Division the Park with the Troops & Ammunition belonging to it & the Ammunition of both Brigades.

The N<sup>o</sup>. Carolina Brigade follows immediately with a Field Piece in their rear supported by the light Infantry of that Brigade which comes next: The commanding Officer of that Brigade will bring up the whole Line. The Hospital, Baggage, & Provision Waggon, are to march immediately under the direction of the Waggon-Master & the Line not to be altered on any pretence whatever without particular Orders for that purpose. They will be fol-



lowed by the Old Guards, who will form the rear Guard of the Army & have the particular charge of that chain of Waggon. They are to be formed & marched regularly as the Troops of the Line with a Section of five or six Files at a 100 Paces in their Rear & flankers on both sides of that Section, as directed for the advanced Guard.

Both Brigades will furnish flankers in the proportion of 1 file p 100 Men, to march at the Distance mentioned before from the flanks opposite to the Interval of the 2<sup>d</sup>. Brigade.

The flankers are to be very attentive particularly on the Left & to receive proper instructions from the Brigadier.

They are to be relieved every Hour or  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour according to the Difficulties of the March.

The officer of the Day will head the Line of March, direct the Pioneers ahead, examine & report the considerable Defiles & narrow Passes he meets with, to the Commanding officer of the Division & take instructions accordingly. He is likewise to preserve order and regularity throughout the Line from the advanced Guard to the Chain of Waggon: When a Carriage[sic] breaks in the Line it is to be taken aside & mended as soon as possible without interrupting the march.

The officer of the Day before, will bring up the whole Army, collect all Stragglers, keep the police & preserve order & regularity throughout the Line of Waggon, taking a particular care that the Waggon are not unnecessarily halted & that the soldiers do not Ride or put their Packs therein Without his permission.

The Artificers with their Tools will march at the Head of the line of Waggon & be alert in doing what they are ordered.

The Drums & Fifes of a Brigade are to be divided into two equal parts to march in front & rear of the Brigade & encamp in that manner without beating or playing at any time of the Day or Night without Orders from the officer of the Day or Brigadier.

As the Troops in the rear of the line of March are very often distressed by the Head of the Column moving too slow or too fast, a ruffle & three flams on a single drum

will be the signal to be given by the rear & to be answered along the Line for the Head of the Column to move slower, & two ruffles without flams to move quicker.

The Artillery will encamp in the following manner, One Field Piece &c: on the right of the S<sup>o</sup>: Ca: Brig: between that Brig: & the Light Infantry belonging to it: Another Field-Piece on the Left of the N<sup>o</sup>: Car: Brig: between that Brigade & their Light Infantry & the Park at the Center of the Division not above 12 paces in front of the Line. The proper interval will be left between the two Brigades for the artillery.

The Gen: Court Martial of which Col<sup>o</sup>: Armstrong was President, have reported W<sup>m</sup>. Whitehead of the 3<sup>d</sup>: Georgia Battalion charged with Desertion found guilty & Sentenced to receive 100 lashes on his bare back, but reflecting on his good Character do recommend him as an Object of Mercy: The General approves the Sentence & remits the Punishment Agreeable to the recommendation of the Court.

W<sup>m</sup>. Ginine [?] of the 5<sup>th</sup> S<sup>o</sup> Car: Batl: Charged with Desertion, found Guilty & Sentenced to receive 100 lashes with switches on his bare back: The General approves the Sentence & directs it to be put in Execution tomorrow Morning at Guard Mounting

Truman Magalan of the 6<sup>th</sup>: N<sup>o</sup>: Car: Battalion charged with Desertion, found Guilty & Sentenced to receive 100 lashes on the bare back, but some circumstances appearing on the Tryal they recommend him as an object of Mercy. The General approve the Sentence, but for the reasons assigned by the Court remits the Punishment.

12: Camp 5 Miles from Purisburgh.

February 12, 1779.

R: O. Officer of the Day tomorrow Capt. L<sup>t</sup>: Elliott

G: O. Parole Philadelphia Countersign, forty five

13: R: O. Officer of the Day tomorrow Cap<sup>t</sup>: Mitchell

G: O. Parole, Washington; Countersign, Two.

The Court Martial whereof Col<sup>o</sup>: Armstrong was President have reported Rowland William of the first S<sup>o</sup>: Car: Reg<sup>t</sup>: charged with Desertion, found Guilty, & Sentenced

to Receive 100 lashes on the bare back with Switches. The General approves the Sentence & directs it to be put in Execution to morrow morning at Guard Mounting.

After Orders

The Troops are to hold themselves in readiness to march tomorrow Morning at 8 o'Clock.

14: R: O. Officer of the Day tomorrow Capt. Davis  
G: O. Camp at Purisburgh.

Parole, Princetown: Countersigns { Purisburgh,  
Philadelphia.

15: R: O. Officer of the Day tomorrow Cap<sup>t</sup>: L<sup>t</sup>: Elliott  
The Quarter Master will have a Soap ration return made out tomorrow morning for the Artillery Corps for the Time They have been doing Duty at this Post.

G: O: Parole Rochester. Countersigns { Ross  
Rye.

16. Head Quarters Purisburgh.  
R. O. Officer of the Day tomorrow, Capt. Mitchell.

G: O. Parole, Superior. Countersigns { Swift  
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A Gen: Court Martial is to sit immediately for the tryal of all Prisoners that shall be brought before them: Pres<sup>t</sup>: L<sup>t</sup>: Col<sup>o</sup>: M<sup>c</sup>Intosh; Members 4 Cap<sup>s</sup>. & 3 Sub from Col<sup>o</sup>: Hegers Brigade; 2 Cap: & 3 Sub<sup>s</sup>: from Col<sup>o</sup>: Sumners Brigade. All witnesses to attend.

17: R: O. Officer of the Day tomorrow Cap<sup>t</sup>. Davis

G: O. Parole Temperance. Countersigns { Times  
Truth

Capt Oliphant is appointed one of the Generals Aids de Camp, & is to be obeyed & respected accordingly.

A: O. The Light Infantry of Col<sup>o</sup>. Sumners Brigade are to encamp this Evening on the bank of the River to the northward of Purisburgh.

18: R. O. Officer of the Day tomorrow Capt. W<sup>m</sup>. Mitchell

The Quarter Guard of the Artillery is to consist of One Serjeant, One Corporal & twelve Men.

All Artillery Men off Duty are to hold themselves in readiness for Fatigue under the Serj<sup>t</sup>: Major: He is to receive his Orders from the Commanding Officer. The Quarter Master is to have the Stores brought with Cap<sup>t</sup>. De Treville's Party put to Rights immediately allowing to the Small Gun as many Rounds in its Lockers as the Rest. The Case Shot to be returned into the proper Chest. What loose Powder there may be in the Waggon, must be sent to the Magazine. The Quarter Master will have a Sponge & Rammer made for a twelve Pounder, and a traversing Hands pipe for the two Pounder Field-Piece.

G: O. Parole, Vigilance

Countersigns  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Vigour} \\ \text{Victory} \end{array} \right.$

All Carcasses & Filth in & about Camp are to be thrown in to the River below the Encampment or buried: the Dep: Quarter Master Gen: will be Careful that the Regimental Quarter Masters & others in his Department carry this order punctually into Execution.

Af: Or. A Return of the Names & Dates of the Commissions of all officers present of the Two Brigades is to be made to the Adjutant General tomorrow Morning at Orderly Time

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*(To be continued.)*